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PROCUREMENT OF EQUIPMENT
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that C-DoT developed TDMA-PMP equipment is cheaper and ideally suited for deployment in rural areas and also is in great demand in various African and Asian countries;

(b) if so, the details of long term policy to be adopted by the Government for using this technology at large scale to connect all the rural areas of the country;

(c) whether there is any proposal for procurement of this equipment for the next three years;

(d) if so, the details thereof, year-wise; and

(e) the cost per line for TDMA-PMP equipment vis-Ã -vis Wireless in Local Loop (WLL) equipment?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) to (d): C-DOT developed TDMA-PMP equipment is under field trial in Nepal and Nigeria.After initial field trial of the system in India, BSNL has placed purchase order for 167 nos. of this equipment for the current financial year for further performance evaluation to meet scattered demand in rural areas. Large scale usage in the subsequent years will depend upon the suitability of this equipment.

(e) The price per line of C-DOT TDMA/PMP equipment vis-a-vis Wireless in Local Loop (WLL) equipment at present is as under:-

C-DOT TDMA/PMP	Rs. 50,000 per line
WLL equipment	Rs. 35,000 per line